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WEEKLY REPORT

Region 9

Environmental Protection Agency

Week of February 6, 2015

Water Division

Highlight of Past Week

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NV Water Quality Standards: We approved revised water quality standards submitted by NV DEP. The revisions include revising and adding criteria for tributaries in the Upper Humboldt River basin in northeastern Nevada. Numeric criteria for nitrate, nitrite, total suspended solids, turbidity, color, chloride, sulfate and alkalinity were added. (Wilson, 775-885-6190)

Federal Register Notice for Transfer of CA Drinking Water Program: We submitted to the Office of Policy, a Federal Register Notice which announces the transfer of the delegated California drinking water program from the CA Department of Public Health to the CA State Water Resources Control Board. The California Attorney General certified to the EPA that the laws and regulations to carry out the delegated program remain in effect under the terms of the transfer which was effectuated by Senate Bill 861 and ORC reviewed the supporting documents for the transfer. (Garcia-Bakarich, 2-3237)

California UIC Program: On 2/6, EPA expects the State to submit a Program Revision Plan that will describe how it will bring its injection well program back into compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act by 2017. We anticipate renewing the plan over the next several weeks and working with the State to address any deficiencies before formally responding to the submittal in

March. (Albright, 2-3971)

Water Loss Control Audits: On February 5, we briefed staff on the CA State Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water (Chaired by Senator Fran Pavley), on the use of water loss control audits. The briefing reviewed the problem of water loss from drinking water distribution systems, how water audits are being used across the country to reduce losses, the importance of validating audit results, and how California's state requirements (SB 1420) compare to other state requirements. At the end of the briefing, State Senate staff recognized that for the audits to result in tangible water conservation, it's important to do more than "just check the box" that an audit has been done, and noted that implementation of SB 1420 will need some form of data validation in order to realize the full value of these water loss control audits in California. (Byous, 2-3531)

Significant Items for Next Week

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GU Beach TMDL: We plan to approve Guam EPA's TMDLs for bacteria at 25 Guam beaches. The TMDLs set concentration-based targets based on the current Enterococci standard to all point and non-point sources. (Roser, 2-3513)

404 Objections to "Tesoro Viejo" and "Lincoln Village" Projects: We will send comment letters to the Sacramento Corps District objecting to two large master-planned developments: Tesoro Viejo (Madera County), and Lincoln Village 5 (Placer County). Tesoro Viejo is adjacent to the San Joaquin River, north of Fresno, in an area slated for many large developments. The project would fill ~7 acres of waters of the U.S., and there is currently no alternatives analysis or mitigation plan. We are recommending expanded open space both along the San Joaquin River and around avoided on-site wetlands, as well as appropriate mitigation. Under similar objections, the Lincoln Village 5 project would impact ~16 acres of waters of U.S., with no available alternatives analysis or mitigation plan. EPA will recommend that the project commit to being consistent with the Placer County Conservation Plan, a regional species HCP that seeks to integrate CWA permits. (Rosetti, 2-3070)

33rd US Coral Reef Task Force: 2/16 - 20: Region 9 will participate at the Coral Reef Task Force in Washington DC. Goals for the meeting include prioritizing ocean and coastal acidification as a focus for the CRTF, supporting a new strategy for watershed partnerships, and soliciting comment on the Draft Handbook for Coral Injury, Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation. (Wiltse, 1-2752)

Stormwater Financing: With the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland, we are hosting three stormwater financing workshops in California (February 10 in Orange County, February 11 in Los Angeles County, February 12 in San Francisco). These workshops will be directed primarily to municipal stormwater program managers, and will focus on challenges, opportunities and successes in stormwater financing from the perspective of the EFC, who has worked with communities on stormwater financing strategies in the mid-Atlantic states. In addition to speakers from the EFC, each workshop will include a local speaker who will discuss challenges and opportunities related to stormwater financing in California. (Kemmerer, 4-1832)

Pharmaceutical Take Backs: Land and Water Divisions will meet with Debbie Raphael and Joanna Wald of SF Environment on 2/11, to discuss pharmaceutical takebacks. (Garcia-Bakarich, 2-3237)

Nevada End of Year: We will hold our FY14 end of year meeting with NDEP on 2/11. (Montgomery 2-3438)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

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Grant Announcements

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Legislative Engagement

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Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

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30-60 Day Outlook

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Other Information

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Division Director's Travel: On 2/13, I will be on CDO. Mike Montgomery will be acting.

Internal to Region 9

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Confidential Information

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